

## OPINION 1837

### *Oniscus asellus asellus* Linnaeus, 1758 (Crustacea, Isopoda): neotype designated

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Crustacea; Isopoda; woodlice; *Oniscus asellus*.

#### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all previous fixations of type specimens for the nominal subspecies *Oniscus asellus asellus* Linnaeus, 1758 are hereby set aside and the male specimen (catalogue no. 1994.3341 in the Crustacea Section of the Natural History Museum, London) from the Linnéträdgården, Uppsala, Sweden, is designated as the neotype.

(2) The entry for *Oniscus* Linnaeus, 1758 on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology is hereby amended to record that *O. asellus* was designated as the type species by Audouin (1823).

(3) To the entry for *Oniscus asellus* Linnaeus, 1758 on the Official List of Specific Names is hereby added the endorsement that it is defined by the neotype designated in (1) above.

#### History of Case 2844

An application to designate a neotype for *Oniscus asellus* Linnaeus, 1758 was received from Dr David T. Bilton (*University of York, Heslington, York, U.K.*) on 3 February 1992. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 51: 227–229 (September 1994). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

It was noted on the voting paper that support for the application was received from Prof L.B. Holthuis (*Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum, Leiden, The Netherlands*).

It was also noted that the male holotype from Lydford Gorge, Devon, U.K., of *Oniscus asellus occidentalis* Bilton, 1994 is numbered 1994.3350 in the Crustacea Section of the Natural History Museum, London (para. 8 of the application).

The name *Oniscus* Linnaeus, 1758, and that of its type species *Oniscus asellus* Linnaeus, 1758, were placed on Official Lists in Opinion 104 (September 1928). However, the identity of possible type material of *O. asellus* was not then considered.

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1995 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 51: 228–229. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1996 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 26: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin

Negative votes — none.

#### Original references

The following are the original references to the names on Official Lists, entries amended or endorsed by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*asellus*, *Oniscus*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Systema Naturae*, Ed. 10, vol. 1, p. 637.  
*Oniscus* Linnaeus, 1758, *Systema Naturae*, Ed. 10, vol. 1, p. 636.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Oniscus asellus* Linnaeus, 1758 as the type species of the nominal genus *Oniscus* Linnaeus, 1758:

**Audouin, J.V.** 1823. Cloporte. *Oniscus*. In Bory de Saint-Vincent, J.B.G.M. (Ed.), *Dictionnaire classique d'histoire naturelle*, vol. 4, p. 222.